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PROVAN SHOWS CLASS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DAVIE PROVAN, Sydney Olympic's special guest player from Glasgow Celtic, made a spectacular debut into the Olympic Airways National Soccer League yesterday despite suffering from jet-lag.

Provan, who had arrived only the day before following a long flight from Scotland, was rushed into the Olympic side for yesterday's clash with Newcastle Rosebud.

He scored a spectacular, intelligent goal in the 36th minute that laid the foundations for Olympic's 2-0 victory against the Novocastrians.

Elated Sydney Olympic president Jim Petinellis said this morning: "Not only is David a fine excellent player of class, but most of all he is a lad of excellent character, which makes Sydney Olympic most honoured to have him guesting with us."

Provan, capped 12 times for Scotland and with another year to serve on his contract

with Celtic, served his apprenticeship with Kilmarnock, where he played for five years before Celtic moved in and bought Provan for his class and skills.

Provan has been with Celtic for the past seven years.

When we contacted him this morning, Provan said: "I was impressed by Marshall Soper's style of play yesterday against Newcastle. That guy could play in Britain.

"Chris Kalantzis also showed great promise of what he has to offer when he gains experience and maturity."

The Scottish international went on to pay a special compliment to Newcastle players.

"I had been warned that the Australian tackling would be rough, but, although Newcastle tackled hard, they were fair, which is a credit to them and their coach Willie Gallagher."

REVENGE FOR FIJI DEFEAT

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND's Young Socceroo Richard Bassingthwaite emerged as one of the heroes of the Maroons fighting 2-1 win over Fiji in Nausori last Friday.

The win avenged an opening 2-1 loss to the Fijians last Wednesday.

A measure of Queensland's performances could be drawn from the Fijians' 3-0 win over touring English club Newcastle yesterday in Suva.

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OLYMPIC GAIN A SPONSOR

— JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC have announced a major sponsorship of \$22,000 from Beach Fashions of Australia, manufacturers of fashion bikinis.

President Jim Petinellis, upon receiving the cheque, stated: "It is a great effort for Beach Fashions to come in as our major sponsor halfway into the Olympic Airways National Soccer League season. We are most appreciative to Mr Sifakis the managing director of Beach Fashions."

To the great delight of the press corps attending the function, three delightful in-house models streamed out in stunning bikini products, escorted around the stage by Sydney Olympic players Peter Raskopoulos, Billy Londos and Alex Lampropoulos.

After the bikini parade was completed, Raskopoulos, the Olympic captain, asked if his partner, the



voluptuous Miss Davie Watson, 18, could be included in his contract for 1986.
Rasko is pictured left with Davie.



SCOREBOARD

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 8 DEFERRED MATCHES:

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Arnold, Patikas) PENRITH CITY 2 (Licata, Hunter) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2,498.
WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Willis) APIA LEICHARDT 2 (Owens, Todd) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 502.

ROUND 12:

WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Dickson) APIA LEICHARDT 0 at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 803.
BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (O'Connor) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Fletcher, Gomez) at Gabbie Stadium. Crowd: 825.
MARCONI 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (Patikas, Arnold) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 4,563.
CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Phillips) INTER MONARO 2 (Brennan 2) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd: 1,784.
ST GEORGE 3 (Ricoy, Bozanic, Ratcliffe) PENRITH CITY 2 (Licata, Wotherspoon) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 875.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Provan, Soper) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD UNITED 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 2,985.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	12	8	3	1	30	13	19
Sydney City	11	8	1	2	24	12	17
Blacktown City	12	6	2	4	20	12	14
Marconi	11	5	4	2	23	16	14
Canberra City	12	4	4	4	18	17	12
Sydney Olympic	12	5	1	6	10	15	11
St George	11	3	4	4	11	11	10
Penrith City	12	3	4	5	16	17	10
Newcastle Rosebud	12	3	4	5	13	21	10
Apia Leichhardt	11	4	1	6	15	18	9
Inter Monaro	12	3	1	8	16	28	7
Wollongong City	12	3	1	8	16	31	7

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

ROUND 12:

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Karadzic, Melita, Maxwell) MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3,500.
HEIDELBERG UNITED 1 (Valentine) SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (McLaren) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 2,000.
PRESTON 2 (Dunn, Smith) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1,500.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Price) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1,350.
GREEN GULLY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Egan) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 2,000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	12	7	3	2	21	14	17
Brunswick Juve	12	6	4	2	18	12	16
Heidelberg	12	6	3	3	18	10	15
Melbourne Croatia	12	6	3	3	14	8	15
Preston	12	5	2	5	17	17	12
Brisbane City	12	4	3	4	7	8	11
West Adelaide	12	4	3	5	14	16	11
Sunshine GC	12	3	5	4	10	12	11
Brisbane City	12	4	2	5	17	18	10
Green Gully	12	3	4	5	11	13	10
Adelaide City	12	3	4	5	16	20	10
Footscray	12	2	0	10	10	25	4

NSL YOUTH LEAGUE

WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Nees 30, Corridini 40, 77) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 1 (Davies 73).
SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Medanic) PENRITH CITY 1 (Carbone).
MARCONI 1 (Reid 19) SYDNEY CROATIA (Caleta 47).
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD (Tumbull 15, 30, Chapman 65).
CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS 1 (Perinovic 49) INTER MONARO 1 (Dachs 60).
BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Plumb 44, Quaraby 61) SYDNEY CITY 2 (Saad 4, P. Falconer 25).
WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Brodnik 53, Rogers 89) APIA LEICHARDT 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong City	12	9	0	3	25	16	18
Canberra City	11	7	3	1	24	14	17
Sydney City	10	5	3	2	28	9	13
Newcastle Rosebud	11	6	1	4	17	12	13
Apia Leichardt	11	5	3	3	17	13	13
St George	10	5	2	3	19	18	12
Inter Monaro	12	4	2	6	17	29	10
AIS	8	3	3	2	21	16	9
Sydney Croatia	12	2	5	5	19	22	9
Blacktown City	11	3	2	6	17	23	8
Penrith City	13	3	2	8	17	31	8
Marconi	10	1	5	4	15	18	7
Sydney Olympic	13	1	5	7	14	29	7

NSL TOP SCORERS

NORTHERN DIVISION

- 10 — Patikas (S. Cro)
9 — Arnold (S. Cro)
8 — Jankovics (M)
6 — Farina (S. Cit), Dragicevic (S. Cro)

SOUTHERN DIVISION

- 10 — Egan (SM)
7 — Stevenson (H)
6 — Smith (P), Price (WA)

NSW STATE LEAGUE

TNT SKYPAK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd	3rd
Avala v Uruguayan Auburn	2-1	2-1	0-3
Polonia v Fairy Meadow	0-2	0-1	3-3
Warringah N'been v Manly W'gah	postponed		
Parramatta Melita v Ku-ring-gai	3-1	5-0	0-0
Sutherland Shire v Rockdale Ilinden	3-0	1-2	3-1
Cant M'ville Oly v Bankstown	2-0	2-0	1-2

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Parramatta Melita	8	6	2	0	20	4	14
Avala	8	4	4	0	13	5	12
Fairy Meadow	7	4	2	1	11	5	10
Ku-ring-gai	7	3	3	1	10	6	9
Sutherland	6	3	2	1	11	6	8
Canterbury-M'ville	8	2	3	3	18	15	7
Rockdale Ilinden	7	2	3	2	8	8	7
Manly Warringah	6	2	2	2	6	6	6
Uruguay Auburn	7	1	3	3	8	10	5
Warringah N'been	6	1	1	4	2	13	3
Polonia	6	0	1	5	2	14	1
Bankstown National	6	0	0	6	1	13	0

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	0-0	0-0	0-0
Artarmon v Queens Park	0-0	0-0	0-0
Blacktown Utd v SSC Yugal	3-1	2-0	1-0
Dee Why Swans v Campbelltown City	0-4	1-2	0-2
Wollongong Macedonia v Gladesville Hby	2-0	2-2	1-3
North Bankstown v Penrith United	4-0	5-0	1-3
Canterbury & Dist v Bathurst '75	0-0	0-0	0-0

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
W'gong Macedonia	6	5	1	0	12	2	11
Blacktown United	6	5	0	1	16	5	10
Campbelltown City	6	4	0	2	10	5	8
Queens Park	5	3	1	1	11	4	7
Gladesville Hby	6	3	1	2	7	8	7
Yugal	6	2	2	2	14	9	6
North Bankstown	6	3	0	3	9	4	6
Artarmon	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Bathurst '75	6	1	3	2	13	10	5
Dee Why	6	1	1	4	4	14	3
Penrith United	6	0	2	4	5	20	2
Canterbury & Dist	5	0	1	4	2	23	1

STATE LEAG

MARCONI BLOW IT

MARCONI 0 SYDNEY CROATIA 2

MARCONI's NSL Northern Division championship hopes were dented when they lost the crucial match against Sydney Croatia 2-0 at Marconi Stadium.

Coach Les Scheinflug admitted that his side's chances received a setback with the defeat.

"But we haven't given up hope, particularly after this type of performance," Scheinflug said.

"The boys expressed themselves extremely well in the second half, and it was the best soccer I've seen this year as the ball was on the ground."

Croatia's 2-0 half-time lead placed them under much pressure in a second half Croatia player-coach Vedran Rozic expected to be very hard.

"Marconi applied a lot of pressure in the second half, particularly through David Lowe," Rozic said.

Lowe's ability to put his foot on the ball allowed other players to move up in support, but the sharpness of goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse, sweeper Rozic and stopper Brano Vidic kept out Marconi.

Woodhouse appeared unbeatable as he pulled off great saves against Rod Brown in



the first half and Ian Gray and Mark Jankovic in the second.

Jimmy Patikas and Graham Arnold did their duty at the other end for Croatia with a goal apiece.

Marconi's defence was very tentative in the opening minutes of the match and they were punished in the eighth minute.

BY BRAD EARL

Right winger Zeljko Jurin cut a pass back from the byline for Patikas, who knocked the ball forward, sped on to it and toed it into the net.

Arnold's goal came a minute before the break — the move starting with Marconi right-back Paul Carter, positioned three-quarters of the way up the field, playing a wayward pass back towards halfway.

Arnold intercepted the pass, beat sweep-

er Tony Henderson, rounded goalkeeper Alex McPherson and fired in a left foot shot from an acute angle.

In the first half too many Marconi passes were going to red shirts instead of green, but they put it together in the second half for no result.

Man of the match: GREG WOODHOUSE was a unanimous choice with a faultless display of goalkeeping for Croatia.

MARCONI: McPherson; Carter (Gunning 60), Sterry, Henderson, Calderan; Gray, Mason, Tredinnick; Lowe, Jankovic, Brano.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse; Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidic; M. Kovacic (Tomasich 75), Clinch, Ozakovic (A. Kovacic 87); Jurin, Patikas, Arnold.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. **CROWD:** 4,563.



RIGHT: GREG WOODHOUSE.



PROVAN PROVES PERFECT

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 0

DAVIE PROVAN, Sydney Olympic's classy guest player from Celtic, made an impressive and professionally smooth debut into the Olympic Airways NSL yesterday against Newcastle Rosebud at Pratten Park.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

way.

His calm body-feints completely fooled Newcastle's defenders as he conned them that he was going to cross into the six-yard box.

Before Newcastle, Sydney Olympic and the crowd could wake up to Provan's proceedings, the Celtic star had wormed his way into the box and planted his placed shot into the Newcastle net to send the Olympic supporters delirious.

Three minutes after the break, Olympic went further ahead when Soper met a cross from the right by Kalantzis to score from close-range.

Olympic could have had possibly another three goals in the last 15 minutes but for selfish play by the youthful and over-en-

thusiastic Kalantzis.

Three times Kalantzis broke clear with only Newcastle goalkeeper Clint Gosling to beat, and, although he had support in Soper twice, and Koussas the third time, Kalantzis blasted straight to Gosling's arms.

Olympic pressured throughout the match and had Newcastle reeling.

Newcastle's midfield of McQuarrie, Senkalski and Jones were constantly "turned" by Olympic's non-stop forward thrusts, although the visitors' back-four of Maier, Owens, Boogaard and Mark Jones stood up well to this Olympic onslaught.

In the 60th minute Olympic brought on their second new player, Liverpool-born and Sheffield United apprentice Simon Ogun, to replace Patalis.

Ogun, an attacking left-midfielder, should prove another valuable signing for Olympic in the weeks to come in the Olympic Airways NSL.

Newcastle coach Willie Gallagher said: "We were well beaten by a much better team. Provan looked all class how he took his goal. I was pleased by Gosling, Boogaard and McQuarrie."

Best performers for Olympic were Provan, Soper and Rogers, whilst for Newcastle Gosling and McQuarrie stood out.

Man of the match: DAVIE PROVAN, who quietly did his job despite still suffering from jet-lag having arrived from Scotland only the day before. He displayed touches of class.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers, Ziras, Stankovic, Jennings; Syllos, Phillips, Patalis (Ogun 69); Provan (Koussas 71), Soper, Kalantzis.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling; Maier, Owens, Boogaard, M. Jones; McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones; Milosevic (Brandt 52), Todd, Kerby.

REFEREE: T. Davies. **CROWD:** 2,985.



DAVIE PROVAN, Sydney Olympic's guest player from Scotland, in action in his first game in Australia against Newcastle Rosebuds at Pratten Park yesterday, chased by Newcastle's David Jones.



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MONARO PLAYERS PAY BACK DEBTS

HELL hath no fury like a soccer player spurned. When half-a-dozen rejects take on the team that sacked them, they can be formidable indeed.

Ferocious determination gave Inter Monaro a well-merited 2-1 win over Canberra at Bruce Stadium.

As Canberra toppled to their fourth loss in their last five home games, the same twin problems persist.

The strikers are missing chances they should take, and the whole team allows itself to be beaten to the ball by visitors who show total commitment.

Monaro was first to virtually every ball in broken play, but showed enough skill and composure not to run aimlessly.

Both Monaro's goals were scored by Tony Brennan, who might easily have had a few more.

He hit the woodwork in the 86th minute after Anthony Franken could only parry a drive from Baz Giampaolo, who had shot after a 50 metre run.

In the fifth minute Brennan had turned Jason Dunn inside-out, but drove the ball narrowly past the far post as Franken narrowed the angle.

Franken made the sort of save that only he seems capable of when he denied Angelo Ambrosino from point-blank range after Giampaolo had passed to the midfielder.

But Franken must share the blame with Terry Byrne and Paul Ontong for the first goal.

Ontong back-heeled a Billy Wilcox cross into his own goal-mouth where the keeper and the sweeper let it bounce and seemed to wait for each other to clear it.

In glided Brennan

BY KEN HEALEY

and put the ball in the net. The goal had taken 21 minutes to come.

Brennan's second goal was a simple near-post header from a corner taken in the 75th minute by Attilio Carbone.

Between Brennan's goals, Canberra pulled one back when Ian Gibson, who replaced an out-of-touch Tom English, floated a free-kick on the head

CANBERRA CITY.....1
INTER MONARO.....2

of Hilton Phillips, who, with fellow striker Manis Lamond, was among Canberra's better players.

Canberra was kept otherwise scoreless by the strength of Angelo Titilas and Ricky Budini in central defence.

With Angelo Ambrosino dominant in central midfield, Monaro reduced Canberra to a series of headers, of which only the goal from Phillips was on target.

Keeper Steve Hoszowski played easily his best game since joining Monaro to

deny Canberra in the second half.

Man of the match: Monaro striker TONY BRENNAN, denied his hat-trick by the woodwork. He continually used his pace and was unselfish and creative in everything he did.

CANBERRA: Franken, Mihailidis, Ontong, Byrne, Dunn, Sermanni, Farrell (Harkins 62), Bryant, Lamond, Phillips, English (Gibson 62).

MONARO: Heszowski, Williams, Waiah, Budini, Titilas, Carbone, Wilcox, A. Ambrosino, Thamnidis (Monteroso 52), Brennan, Giampaolo.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.
CROWD: 1,784.



TONY BRENNAN, Inter Monaro's man of the match, is pictured (right) in action during his days with Canberra against Sydney City's Steve O'Connor. Brennan scored both Monaro's goals in their 2-1 win over Canberra.

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REVENGE FOR FIJI DEFEAT

FROM PAGE 1

Bassingthwaite, who just missed selection in the Maroons side which met New South Wales at Perry Park last month, revelled in the roughhouse style of the Fijian game and his workrate, along with that of state captain John Stewart, helped engineer the Queensland win.

Throughout the match the pair shrugged off wild and often high Fijian tackles.

Queensland's first goal came from Brisbane City full-back Garry Bromfield, who was used by state coach Bruce Stowell as a striker, while Alan Niven scored from the penalty spot for the winner.

In the opening match, Premier League striker Dave Wheeler scored after only 90 seconds, but the Fijians stormed back with former Youth team player Ivok Evans playing a major role.

But the Fijians' win was under controversial circumstances, with Queensland keeper Kim Wishart blatantly pushed in the back.

Queensland plays its final game of the tour against leading provincial side Lautoka on Wednesday.

PENRITH FIND WEAKNESS

SYDNEY CROATIA.....2
PENRITH CITY.....2

THE vulnerability of Sydney Croatia's full-backs was exposed by Penrith City as the two sides drew 2-2 in a deferred Round 8 match played at Marconi Stadium last Wednesday night.

BY BRAD EARL

Just as they had shocked Croatia at the start of the first half, Penrith went very close to repeating the dose right at the start of the second period.

The damage was done on the left by Penrith both times, the first goal coming when Rene Licata turned Croatia right-back Tommy Basic and fired a shot into the net.

A minute later, Licata again had the ball on the left. He laid it into the path of Brian Jackson, whose shot across the penalty area was met by Ian Hunter at the far post.

Penrith knew what would happen now: the extremely powerful Croatian attack would come at them with all their might.

However, Penrith defenders Peter Brogan, Mickey Cross and Don Campbell tracked their direct opponents well and their tight marking denied Croatia a chance to test goalkeeper Mike Gibson in the first half.

Croatia's second goal was scored by Jimmy Patikas in the 61st minute.

Emil Dragicevic, who was later to go off with a thigh muscle injury, centred the ball from the right byline which Gibson

stretched to clear but it was just out of his reach and Patikas finished with a well-placed header.

So, with just under half-an-hour to go, Croatia were back on level terms and looking very good ... but then it was Gibson who came into his own.

Three times the Penrith keeper came off his line to smother ground balls, once against Dragicevic and twice against Patikas.

Man of the match: it was hard to single out any of the Penrith defenders who all gave solid displays, but my choice would be captain MICKEY CROSS for a gutsy effort.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse; Basic, Rezo, Rozic, Vidale; M. Kovacic, Odzakov, Dragicevic (Clinch 76); Arnold, Patikas, Jurin.

PENRITH: Gibson; Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, Campbell; Wotherspoon, Hebb, Jackson; Hunter, Easthorpe, Licata.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.
CROWD: 2,498.

Gallagher rues lost penalties

WOLLONGONG CITY.....1
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD.....2

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD coach Willie Gallagher is concerned that his team is making the opposition's task easier by simply giving away too many goals.

"We are just presenting teams with goals through penalties and even an own goal against Penrith last week," Gallagher commented after his side grafted a 2-1 win against Wollongong City at Wollongong Showground in a deferred NSL match.

Newcastle allowed Wollongong back into the match through the very thing Gallagher is trying to avoid — a penalty goal by Peter Willis in the 70th minute after the Wolves' new striker Dez Marton was felled in the danger area.

Wollongong began the match as if their lives depend on it.

If there had been a kitchen sink handy, the Wolves would have thrown it at Newcastle ... such was the desperation in their attack.

Marton made his presence felt as the small crowd came alive in the 19th minute when the skilful Yugoslav striker set up a superb one-two movement, but his shot skimmed the top of the bar.

Marton, signed from St George last week, repeatedly showed his class and skill to inspire his teammates who responded accordingly.

However, Newcastle's well-organised defence, forced backwards for most of the first half, held firm with Ralph Maier, Neil Owens, Mike Boogaard and Andrew Thompson particularly sound.

While the first half was all Wollongong with nothing on the scoreboard to show for it, Newcastle took control in the final 45 minutes.

Newcastle opened the scoring from a set-play six minutes into the

second half when Owens headed the goal after receiving a pass from the head of Derek Todd.

Wollongong left winger Dominic Giannone left the field in the 60th minute, a legacy of a knee injury.

Willis pulled back a goal in the 70th minute from the penalty spot, but Newcastle wrapped up the match 10 minutes later.

Wollongong midfielder Alex Bundalo sent a dangerous pass deep in his own half which Boogaard gratefully accepted, transferred to Todd and, with the defence in tatters, he headed the match winner.

"The chances, particularly in the first half, did not drop for us," Wolves coach Adrian Alston said afterwards.

Gallagher felt Newcastle had the edge on the Wolves in all-round ability.

Todd and Owens excelled for Newcastle, while defenders Scott Dickson and Larry Gaffney were Wollongong's best.

Man of the match: DEREK TODD, was creative at every opportunity, set up one goal and scored the other.

WOLLONGONG: Billington, Green, Gaffney, Willis, Dickson, Hristovski, Godzik, Bundalo, Marton, Kotamlinidis, Giannone (Ruskin 80).

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Owens, Boogaard, N. Jones, McQuarrie, Senkalski, D. Jones, Todd, Milosevic, Kerby.

REFEREE: A. Owens.
CROWD: 502.

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ARDILES IS ON THE WAY

ST GEORGE 3 PENRITH CITY 2

ST GEORGE have obtained the services of Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian World Cup star Ossie Ardiles for the clash against Marconi at St George Stadium on June 10 and the Saints players prepared for this big occasion when they downed Penrith 3-2 yesterday.

With Penrith responding to the Saints' challenge in a big way, yesterday's clash turned out to be one of the most entertaining of the season.

Good football and skilful play were seen in abundance from two teams which really looked the goods.

Saints have found it hard finding the net in recent weeks and no doubt their supporters breathed a sigh of relief at their team's three goal tally.

They would have had a few more but for "nerves" in front of goal.

Penrith also had their chances, but with five goals scored who can complain.

Pedro Ricoy opened the scoring in the 27th minute when he headed home in grand style from an accurate Vic Bozanic cross.

Ten minutes later, Rene Licata evened

BY TOM ANDERSON

things up with a good individual effort.

Then came two of the best-worked goals I have seen in Australian soccer.

Both came from free-kick situations and both were beautifully executed.

The first put Penrith in the lead in the 46th minute when Ian Wotherspoon crashed the ball home after a move that had Willie Wallace and Glasgow Celtic written all over it.

Then it was Saints' turn and this time their brilliant free-kick scored by Vic Bozanic in the 55th minute had Frank Arok and Vojvodina written all over it.

Two really magnificent efforts.

Saints winning goal came from David Ratcliffe in the 77th minute when the big lad got his foot to the ball



NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION ROUND-UP

WESTAD UPSET BRUNSWICK

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

WEST ADELAIDE topped Brunswick Juventus with an upset 1-0 win at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

West Adelaide entered the game as underdogs but managed against the run of play to score a goal in the 30th minute with Price clinching the points.

The loss caused a lethargic Juventus to slip down to second position and raised a lot of questions about their ability to issue a new challenge for the leadership.

South Melbourne bounced back to top spot after a week in the wilderness with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Green Gully.

In spite of their midfield problems due to the absence of Oscar Crino, serving a week's suspension, South Melbourne managed to hold as a team and nudged the much-wanted win in the 68th minute when Charlie Egan netted the solitary goal.

Spectators at Green Gully's ground lived some agonising moments midway into the second half when six piles of smoke darkened the atmosphere, from a smoke canister that was thrown by the South Melbourne hooligans.

At Connor Reserve, Preston celebrated their return to the top five with a comfortable 2-0 win over depleted Footscray.

Seriously impeded by the absence of key players, goalkeeper Denis Boland, midfielders Brian O'Donnell and Paseski

as well as forward Bill Lazopoulos, Footscray presented very little resistance to their superior opponents.

Preston went into the lead after four minutes through Robbie Dunn and doubled the margin five minutes before half-time to cruise to their comfortable win.

While Preston were rejoicing, Heidelberg United were lamenting the loss of a valuable championship point from their 1-1 draw against Sunshine George Cross.

Mike Valentine sent Heidelberg on the way to victory seven minutes into the game, but they failed to maintain their momentum and ensure their win over their weak opponent.

Sunshine George Cross were rewarded for their desperate effort four minutes before full-time when MacLaren netted the equaliser.

It is worth noting that George Christopoulos lined up with Heidelberg United in spite of objections by his former club Canberra City.

Canberra City demand the balance of the transfer fee agreed upon by the two clubs for the move of Christopoulos to Heidelberg United.

Revenge is sweet and Adelaide City savoured it when they reversed the score against Melbourne Croatia for a 3-0 home win. REPORTS TOM MCKAIN.

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ST GEORGE have obtained the services of Tottenham Hotspur's Argentinian World Cup star Ossie Ardiles for the clash against Marconi at St George Stadium on June 10 and the Saints players prepared for this big occasion when they downed Penrith 3-2 yesterday.

With Penrith responding to the Saints' challenge in a big way, yesterday's clash turned out to be one of the most entertaining of the season.

Good football and skilful play were seen in abundance from two teams which really looked the goods.

Saints have found it hard finding the net in recent weeks and no doubt their supporters breathed a sigh of relief at their team's three goal tally.

They would have had a few more but for "nerves" in front of goal.

Penrith also had their chances, but with five goals scored who can complain.

Pedro Rico opened the scoring in the 27th minute when he headed home in grand style from an accurate Vic Bozanic cross.

Ten minutes later, Rene Licata evened

BY TOM ANDERSON

things up with a good individual effort.

Then came two of the best-worked goals I have seen in Australian soccer.

Both came from free-kick situations and both were beautifully executed.

The first put Penrith in the lead in the 46th minute when Ian Wotherspoon crashed the ball home after a move that had Willie Wallace and Glasgow Celtic written all over it.

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Two really magnificent efforts.

Saints winning goal came from David Ratcliffe in the 77th minute when the big lad got his foot to the ball

inside the area to give Penrith goalkeeper Mike Gibson no chance whatsoever.

This put an end to a great game and one that did both teams proud.

Man of the match: Saints' Socceroo defender DAVID RATCLIFFE who was in brilliant form and never put a foot wrong in defence. He also found plenty of time to come up and help his attack.

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NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION ROUND-UP

WESTAD UPSET BRUNSWICK

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

WEST ADELAIDE toppled Brunswick Juventus with an upset 1-0 win at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

West Adelaide entered the game as underdogs but managed against the run played to score a goal in the 30th minute with Price clinching the points.

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"When are the players coming?" was the question embarrassed and disappointed Macarthur District Soccer Football Association officials faced as their "Socceroo Spectacular" ground to a halt.

Months of planning went down the drain and soccer took another backward step in the eyes of the general public.

The Macarthur Association is centred on Campbelltown, a major growth area in Sydney's south-west.

Danny Himbrechts, who coordinated the promotion, had arranged for 30-odd past and present Socceros and leading coaches to attend.

In the two days leading up to the big night, the "stars" who had committed themselves to attending the shopping centre promotion dropped out at an alarming rate.

On the night itself, there were still supposed to be a handful of players turning up — with Macarthur representative teams from Under 10 to 15 as well as club players and of course parents expecting an entertaining two-hour show.

The only player with the decency to honour his commitment to turn up was Greg Woodhouse, Sydney Croatia's former Socceroo goalkeeper.

"Woody" stayed the entire time, talking to the young players and being interviewed on centre stage.

If there's one thing the Australian team needs more than anything else, it's support.

New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation president Ian Holmes was in attendance, and he said the players' non-attendance was a "sad reflection on the game."

The NSWASF, which controls the tens of thousands of junior players in this state, was requested by the Australian Soccer Federation to urge associations to defer matches for this Saturday when Australia plays Vasco da Gama at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The NSWASF were willing to encourage the deferral of junior matches: yet one must ask why the juniors should do anything for the Socceros when the Socceros won't do anything for them.

The soccer-playing kids in the Macarthur Association, like kids anywhere, are crying out for heroes.

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CHIT CHAT

AT a time when Australian cricket is so obsessed with the "rebel" cricket tour, one member of the Vasco Da Gama could talk a lot about when he was a celebrated soccer rebel.

Agent with the Brazilian side is CHARLIE MITTEN, who was a dynamic left-winger with Manchester United's FA Cup-winning side in 1948.

Mitten was one of the small band of British players who did a "fli" to Bogota in 1950 when Colombia was out of FIFA and Mitten earned very big money there, if only for a short time.

He returned to England but was transferred by United to Fulham.

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PETER WITHE, the England international given a free transfer by Aston Villa for services rendered and because he is 33, has interested West Adelaide.

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SPARE a thought for Brisbane Lions players PHIL and TONY REDMOND, CALVIN DAUNT and BOB McSKIMMING.

They were the only Lions NSL squad members not to be chosen in the Queensland team which this week is touring Fiji.

But just because 10 of their team-mates are having fun in the sun, Lions coach GORDON ARROWSMITH has not given any of the four a break. They have had to train three nights a week.

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THE Australian Soccer Federation might be wise to go easy on any further punishment for CHARLIE EGAN.

Did Egan really do anything to warrant being hit by a witch hunt?

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Lee's wife ANNA was born in Croatia and came to Australia as a two-year-old.

Not unexpectedly his father-in-law is a very keen fan of Sydney Croatia — Lee's former club.



JOHN DAVIES

IT was good to see Parramatta Melita midfielder JOHN DAVIES make a quick return to first grade after recovering from injury.

Davies suffered the injury near the end of last season and even after the summer break he was still forced to sit on the sidelines; a total of eight months out of football.



BRISBANE LIONS' striker JOE CAIRNEY's horror season continued when he badly injured a knee in his comeback game last week.

Cairney, who first was out-of-touch in front of goals then was sidelined with injury, twisted his knee while playing for the Lions reserve team in a cup match.

In the only stroke of good luck this season, Cairney miraculously only inflicted minor ligament damage, but he almost certainly will need an operation to remove the torn cartilage.

But the former Kilmarnock player hopes that will be the end of his woes this season and predicts he will be back on the field within a month.

Lions certainly need the Scotsman as it was his goalscoring form last year which got them into the NSL semi-finals.



ANDY STANKOVIC could well be the man Sydney Olympic is looking for to improve their defence.

The tall, blond-headed 23-year-old was with Cardiff last season when they won the Northern NSW First Division premiership.



MANLY WARRINGAH look like losing striker MARK HOLLOWAY.

The English player's visa has expired after nearly four years in Australia.

In that time he has played for NSW State League clubs Sydney Croatia and Auburn before joining Manly last season.



BEFORE last week Brisbane City had not scored four goals in an NSL match since they beat West Adelaide 4-1 at Spencer Park on July 11, 1982.

But despite putting four in Brunswick's net the other day, JIM HERMISTON's side still didn't win, as Juvenius, of course, scored five.



ADELAIDE CITY could get a bonus goalkeeper. RICK MIGLIACCIO is back from Italy where he played third division soccer.

Now 23, he left City to join Port Adelaide then went to Italy two years ago with his parents.

They will be coming back to re-establish themselves in Adelaide. He has come earlier to find a team and has already had talks with City.



ST GEORGE coach FRANK AROK says ROBBIE SLATER is playing particularly well but is not scoring goals.

"I wish I had some players who were playing badly but scoring," said Frank.



VISITING Udinese will have a busy day in Sydney next Sunday.

From 10 am till 2 pm, the Italian players and officials will be cruising on Sydney Harbour on the good ship Matilda.

That night, they go to Lansvale as guests of the Fogofurlan Club.

Udinese will appreciate the hospitality — particularly if they've beaten Spurs at the SCG on the previous day.

WEST ADELAIDE is studying a special video tape sent from Greece, featuring a Third Division game.

One of the stars on the tape is a giant stopper who is interested in coming to Australia.

We understand he was on offer to South Melbourne, but they had no space on their books for another import and passed his name on to West.



HAIRDRESSER to the stars ... that's ROSE BROGAN, wife of Penrith City full-back PETER.

Several notable Sydney NSL players have their hair cut by Rose, although a couple of them look like they'd be better off going to Ashley & Martin's!

ARSENAL's Irish international goalkeeper PAT JENNINGS is keen to play in Australia on a fee of \$1,000 per match.

Pat recently retired after chalking up a British record of 109 international appearances.

He could add to that huge total but will Northern Ireland select him if he is not playing club football regularly?

Any club wanting to use Jennings as a guest could contact AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY and we'll handle negotiations.



PETER SHARNE: on the mend.

IRELAND'S HERO DID IT THE HARD WAY

BY TOM ANDERSON

MANAGERS or coaches in the international arena don't command any higher respect than Northern Ireland's Billy Bingham, who flew into Australia at the weekend to head a 10-day FIFA Coaching Academy in Sydney.

Bingham, who did so well with his unfancied Northern Ireland team in the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982, is a manager who knows what the game of football is all about.

Tactically immaculate, Bingham also has the ability to weigh up a player on the spot and get the best out of him immediately.

He proved this with recent FA Cup hero Norman Whiteside in Spain in 1982.

Bingham fully realised the potential of young Norman and threw him into the fray as a raw 17-year-old.

SUCCESS

Whiteside was an outstanding success and from there went on to greatness with his club Manchester United.

Bingham is the "professionals' professional" and no higher praise can be accorded the little Irishman.

As a player, he had a distinguished career in the international area with Northern Ireland and at club level with Sunderland, Everton and Luton Town, including an FA Cup Final appearance with Luton.

When his playing days were over, Billy decided he wanted to get into the managerial side of the game.

He also decided the best way to succeed was to start at the bottom and work his way up the hard way.

His managerial starting point came with little Fourth Division club Southport, which he joined in 1965.

And, with due respect to the little Lancashire club, after 15 years at the top of the tree with leading outfits such as Everton and Sunderland, joining a little club like Southport came as a real culture shock for Bingham.

At this stage in his managerial career, though, experience was the name of the game.

It had to be, for there was little glamour or for that fact money.

But an expert like Bingham didn't need a bulging cheque-book to build a team and



BILLY BINGHAM: In Australia.

indeed he did a remarkable rebuilding job for only \$24,000 — which made him a real soccer miracle man in those days.

To cap it all, the expertise of Billy Bingham alone, without spending big money, gained Southport promotion to the Third Division in 1967.

One of the beliefs Bingham stood by in these early days was that Fourth Division clubs were nothing more than convalescent home for old professionals.

Southport was one of them when he took over.

This was remedied immediately as he set about to recruit young players at a rate of knots.

LESSON

His philosophy was that if they do not produce the desired results, they're young enough to sell and recoup your losses.

There's a lesson there somewhere for many of the our NSL clubs.

Another Bingham belief is that when you are the manager of a small club and cash is short, you don't only have a duty to your players, but also to the club directors to keep the outfit as financially healthy as possible.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	40	28	6	6	87	37	90
Liverpool	42	22	11	9	68	35	77
Tottenham	42	23	8	11	78	51	77
Manchester United	42	22	10	10	77	47	76
Southampton	42	19	11	12	56	47	68
Chelsea	42	18	12	12	63	48	66
Arsenal	42	19	9	14	61	49	66
Sheffield Wednesday	42	17	14	11	58	45	65
Nottingham Forest	42	19	7	16	56	48	64
Aston Villa	42	15	11	16	60	60	56
Watford	42	14	13	15	81	71	55
West Bromwich Albion	42	16	7	19	58	62	55
Newcastle	42	13	13	16	55	70	52
Luton	41	14	9	18	55	61	51
Leicester	42	15	6	21	65	73	51
West Ham	42	13	12	17	51	68	51
Ipswich	42	13	11	18	46	57	50
Queen's Park Rangers	42	13	11	18	53	72	50
Norwich	42	13	10	19	46	64	49
Coventry	41	14	5	22	43	63	47
Sunderland	42	10	10	22	40	62	40
Stoke	42	3	8	31	24	91	17

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THE BIG ONE

THURSDAY morning at 4 am, SBS will screen a complete live satellite telecast of the 1985 European Cup Final between the mighty England "Reds" Liverpool and Italy's "Zebras" Juventus.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

A replay in full will be screened the same evening in prime time at 8.30pm.

Australia's Craig Johnston could make his final appearance for Liverpool in this match as he has travelled with the squad to Brussels, Belgium, for this big event.

Liverpool's giant centre-back, the ever-reliable Mark Lawrenson, is in doubt for this match, having dislocated his shoulder three weeks ago in an English League match.

Liverpool have an immaculate record in European Cup Finals, having reached the final on four occasions to record four wins.

Juventus, studded with stars of the likes of Platini, Boniek, Scirea, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Tardelli and World Cup goal-wonder Rossi, will be flat out to break Liverpool's superb record.

Platini, the French World Cup captain, for the third time in three years topped the

Italian goalscoring charts with 18 targets.

But somehow I leaned towards Liverpool, despite the fact they have played twice as many matches as Juventus this season.

Liverpool's probable midfield quartet will be Lee, Whelan, Wark and Molby, with the deadly duo in front of them, Ian Rush, the clinically-correct goal finisher, and Kenny Dalglish, still one of the quickest players inside the box playing in the English League.

SCOTLAND'S NEW FACES TOO GOOD FOR ENGLAND

FIELDING a largely experimental line-up, Scotland won their annual battle against "the old enemy" England 1-0 at Hampden Park.

While the Englishmen had almost a full-strength side, Scotland were without Kenny Dalglish and gave a first international cap to Dave Speedie of Chelsea.

On the run of the play, the Scots just about deserved their victory which was orchestrated in the midfield by captain Graeme Souness.

After his below-par performance for Manchester United in the FA Cup Final at Wembley, Bryan Robson was due for a return to form, but it did not happen.

For the second time in a week, Robson looked a jaded player and perhaps, after a hard season, he is ready for a holiday.

The match-winning goal was perfectly engineered.

It came in the 58th minute when Jim Bett sent over a well-judged cross from the left flank and full-back Richard Gough headed strongly past Peter Shilton.

ENGLAND: Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson, Terry Fenwick, Terry Butcher, Kenny Sansom, Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins, John Barnes, Trevor Francis, Mark Hateley. Substitutes: Gary Lineker for Hoddle and Chris Waddle for Barnes.

SCOTLAND: Jim Leighton, Richard Gough, Alex McLeish, Willie Miller, Maurice Malpas, Gordon Strachan, Graeme Souness, Roy Aitken, Jim Bett, David Speedie, Steve Archibald. Substitute: Murdo McLeod for Strachan.

REAL'S VICTORY A FORMALITY

MORE than 100,000 spectators were at the Bernebeau Stadium in Madrid last week to watch a match which was almost a non-event.

It was the second leg of the Real Madrid v Videoton UEFA Cup Final, with the Hungarian visitors running out 1-0 winners.

But the 1-0 result meant little to either team.

The UEFA Final had been effectively killed in the first leg in

Hungary when the Spanish side won 3-0.

There was no way Videoton could recover from that blow.

They collected the only goal of the game three minutes from the end, the scorer being Majer.

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BRISBANE NSL SIDES PUSH FOR SWITCH

QUEENSLAND's two NSL clubs are to begin a campaign to ensure an honouring of a promise that they could switch divisions with Canberra City Olympians and Inter Monaro at the end of this season if neither of the two ACT sides are relegated.

Officials from Brisbane City and Lions say they were given the promise earlier this year when they complained that it was illogical for the Queensland teams being grouped with Victorian and South Australian sides.

But the Queensland officials were stunned when NSL executive director Stefan Kamasz could not give a firm commitment on the alleged promise during an informal visit to Brisbane last week.

"Quite frankly if it's going to happen it's up to the Brisbane teams to push for any change. At the moment there is an agreement among the clubs that the present format will stay for three years," Kamasz said.

Officials from City and Lions say that their

BY GREG RUSSELL

Canberra counterparts agreed to play in the Melbourne-dominated Southern Division in 1986 if neither Canberra City nor Inter Monaro was relegated.

But it is hard to see either club now wanting to move out of the Northern Division, which has been far more competitive and successful this season than the other half of the NSL.

And of course it is no real certainty yet that Monaro will be in the NSL in 1985.

"Apart from the fact that geographically it makes sense that the Brisbane teams should be in with the Sydney sides, Queensland's traditional rival has always been New South Wales. Queensland soccer followers find it hard to relate to Melbourne clubs," a Brisbane official said.

But while that may be the case, it is hard to see the Sydney clubs supporting an idea which ultimately means the breaking up of their compact competition and two trips a year to Brisbane.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR GOLDEN OLDIES

TIME is running out for the 1985 Golden Oldies Soccer Festival at Santa Monica, California, next October.

Team entries from all over the world close by June 30 and there are many things to attend to.

Australian teams wishing to enter this spectacular tournament should contact Mr Peter Bent within the next few days at Gullivers Sport Travel in Sydney on 223 1911 to finalise bookings and arrangements.

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The Golden Oldies Soccer Festival kicks off on October 5 in Santa Monica and is restricted to players OVER the age of 35 for both men's and women's divisions.

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Abonyi returns to the fold

ATTI ABONYI, former Australian World Cup striker, is back in the coaching business.

He's on a one-year contract with NSW State League club Rockdale Linden.

Rockdale's previous coach, Iliya Takacs, who took them to promotion and followed up by winning the State League grand final last year, resigned two weeks ago.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Rockdale secretary Simon Srbinovski said: "We are very happy to have Atti's services for the remainder of 1985."

"We expect to sign a player from Yugoslav Second Division club, Pelister. He is 27-year-old winger Slavko Ristevski, who was Pelister's club captain."

Rockdale hope to have Ristevski in Sydney for their match against Parramatta Melita Eagles next Sunday.

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NSW TNT Skypak League club Polonia are endeavouring to secure the services of a Polish midfielder-striker to strengthen their struggling squad.

The player's name is DRYS and it is hoped he will be able to leave Poland when their competition finishes next month.



ATTI ABONYI: Rockdale's new coach.

ASW SPECIAL FEATURE

THE National Soccer League season reached the halfway mark last week.

In this special feature, BRAD EARL examines the progress of the Northern Division teams in the first half of the season, and looks at their prospects for the remainder of the competition.

The arrows indicated each club's performance compared with how they went in the League in 1984.

Upward arrows indicate that the club has improved on their 1984 effort, downward arrows indicate that the club's performance has worsened this season, while arrows pointing sideways indicate that the club's 1985 performance is on a par with 1984.

Sydney Croatia

SYDNEY CROATIA have long held a desire to be the top club in Australia.

They are well on the way to fulfilling that ambition in 1985, holding the lead in the Northern Division at the halfway mark of the season.

They should be even stronger in the second round as former Socceroo centre-forward Eddie Krmecic is on his way home after playing in Yugoslavia, West Germany and Belgium for three years.

Croatia have spent big money building their current team. Prior to the start of the season they laid out \$25,000 for Jimmy Patikas from Sydney Olympic and \$21,000 for Zarko Odzakov from Preston.

Both players are strong attackers and have got amongst the goals for their new side.

Other new members of the team are the two Yugoslav imports, sweeper Vedran Rozic (player-coach) and striker Emil Dragicevic. Both players arrived in Australia last year but were not cleared to play until this season.

VERDICT: Croatia are a classy outfit with very fast, skilful, penetrative midfielders and strikers. They can be caught on the break, but have proved they can come back after conceding goals, notably against Blacktown and Penrith.

Sydney City

THERE is nothing the Slickers and champion coach Eddie Thomson like more than a challenge.

The reigning Northern Division champions certainly face a major challenge to regain and retain the leadership of the competition before the end of the season.

Are Sydney City championship material this season?

They have basically the same squad that succeeded last year, with the addition of Socceroo striker Frank Farina.

However, there have been question marks over the form of a few experienced players on occasions this season, notably Socceroo captain John Kosmina, who hasn't always been up to his usual high standard.

Sydney City's outstanding player in the first round was utility player Gerry Gomez, who has also celebrated state and national selection this season.

VERDICT: Sydney City should be in the hunt all the way, particularly because they have a tremendous will-to-win rarely matched by other clubs.

Marconi

MARCONI are nudging ever closer to the lead in the Northern Division and coach Les Scheinflug certainly knows what it takes to win championships.

It was under Scheinflug's control that Marconi last won the title in 1980.

Last season — the first of his second spell with the club — saw the Bossley Park outfit climb to third place in the League, and they will be hoping to finish even better this time around.

Additions to the squad have been goalkeeper Alex McPherson from Parramatta Melita, defender Lee Ster-

MID-TERM REPORT

rey from Sydney Croatia, and midfielders Ian Gray and Peter Tredinnick from Apia Leichhardt.

All have contributed well to the success of the team so far, but Tredinnick could be regarded as Marconi's most valuable signing this season.

He is a class player but more importantly he is a winner who always strives for improvement.

The experience and strength of Tony Henderson, Mark Jankovics and Craig Mason and the youthful exuberance of front-runners Rod Brown and David Lowe round out a very competent team.

VERDICT: Marconi should challenge for honours with this side — given a free run from injuries, as they do not have too much depth.

English First Division striker Tommy English.

The front-line of English, Lamond and Hilton Phillips has skill, speed and power, while Franken is a goalkeeping prodigy.

Coach Roy Thomson — virtually unknown outside Canberra before taking over the Olympians' NSL team — has done a very good job.

However, some of the credit for Canberra's enterprising start to the season must also be given to Doug Collins, who built up this squad last year but parted company with the club prior to the start of the League.

VERDICT: Canberra have the edge on other top five candidates at this stage, but there is a long way to go yet and they will come under pressure for their spot in the second round.

Blacktown City

THE Demons can be very satisfied with their first half of the season, and probably the most pleasing aspect has been the capability of back-up players to slot into the NSL side.

Two regulars from 1984, sweeper Chris Dunleavy and midfielder Gary Byrne, were ruled out of contention with injuries before the League started, while defenders Cliff Pointer and Tony Rasmussen and striker Alex Bottalico (signed from Sydney City) missed matches through injury.

However, careful buying has enabled vital places to be filled by versatile defender Paul Daley, midfielder Steve Knight and striker Johnny McKie.

Combined transfer fees for that trio totalled less than \$10,000, and when it is considered that Daley is 20 and Knight 22, Blacktown have signed players with long careers in front of them.

Robbie Wheatley has made a successful transition from right-back to the more responsible sweeper position — as well as taking over as captain from Pointer.

Barry Hoare in goal is also playing better than ever.

VERDICT: Casey de Bruin's side should repeat their feat of last season — qualifying for the top five play-offs — and they might push the other title contenders right to the line in the second half of the season.

Canberra City

THE blend of local youngsters with experienced British players has enabled Canberra to quietly pick up points and hold down fifth place at the end of the first round.

Anthony Franken, John Mihailidis, Jason Dunn and Manis Lamond are four young players who have been impressive this season.

They are guided by the experience of comeback hero Terry Byrne, Tommy Sermanni, Steve Bryant and former

Penrith City

THE Panthers are continually surprising people with their ability to take points off the top teams.

A continuation of that form in the second round could see them challenge for a top five place in only their second year of existence.

However, when a top five place seemed within their reach last season, they lost form and ended up avoiding relegation in the final match.

Penrith's problem is their occasion lapses when facing the lower-placed teams, exemplified by their recent loss to Inter Monaro.

Last year's team was built on an excellent defence consisting of goalkeeper Mike Gibson, full-backs Peter Brogan and Micky Cross and central defenders Paul Daley and Dave McIntosh.

The latter pair have now departed but coach Willie Wallace has switched Jeff Ainsworth and Don Campbell into their positions without changing the effectiveness of the defence.

At times Penrith's midfielders and forwards lack consistency, but Wallace has the ability to bring out the best of the players at his disposal.

VERDICT: The high level of commitment within the Penrith team should see them maintain a very respectable position and further consolidate their NSL future.

Newcastle Rosebud

NEWCASTLE made a very slow start to the season, but have picked up in recent matches.

Derek Todd's return from England has boosted their scoring ability, which was an area in which they struggled early on.

New Zealand goalkeeper Clint Gosling, stopper Mike Boogaard, midfielders Joe Senkalski, David Jones and John McQuarrie form the experienced core of the



ABOVE: TOMMY SERMANNI, a key man in Canberra's line up, in action against Sydney Olympic.

Apia Leichhardt

LAST year's fourth-placed outfit bears little resemblance to the current Apia Leichhardt side.

Coach Fil Bottalico has had to make several changes to compensate for the loss of Vic Bozanic, Mark Pullen, Ian Gray, Peter Tredinnick and John Bradley and the expected departure of goalkeeper Bobby Parks.

The club's biggest signing was that of Socceroo midfielder Tommy McCulloch from Marconi for \$22,000, while defenders Berti Mariani, Ian Rowden and Howard Tredinnick (who suffered a broken leg in his first game) have been added.

Another new signing was that of former Newcastle KB United midfielder Jimmy Hamilton, although his appearances in the first team have been limited through injury and wet weather.

Experienced players Arno Bertogna, Terry Butler, Tony Morsello and Kerry Caban are still there, while winger Vince Colagiuri has had an impressive debut season as a first team player.

VERDICT: Apia's playing strength is no worse than that of other teams, but players like McCulloch and Caban must reach top form quickly to enhance the club's top five chances.

Sydney Olympic

THE demise of Sydney Olympic has been in the headlines during the first round, even though the club reached the final of the NSL Cup.

Olympic have failed to capitalise on their 1984 success when they won the play-off series, defeating divisional champions Sydney City in the Grand Final.

The biggest reason for their poor form at the start of the season was the absence of English defenders Mike Coady and Martyn Rogers.

Rogers returned recently but Coady has been missed for his superb ability to blot out opposition strikers and also his organisational ability at the back.

Coach Manfred Schaefer's job has been made even harder by a run of serious injuries to key players like Peter Katholos, Nick Theodorakopoulos, Alex Lampropoulos and Tony Dakos.

Gary Phillips has been outstanding in midfield, although team-mate and captain Peter Raskopoulos hasn't found the form that saw him named 1984 NSW Player of the Year.

VERDICT: The glory of 1984 is now well in the past for Olympic and they may have to settle for a modest mid-table position.

St George

MANY critics feel Frank Arok's "second job" — that of national team boss — has affected the performance of the St George team.

In fact, one of the club's leading officials has intimated as much.

It is hard to believe that just two years ago Saints were on their way to championship success.

This year's side has done well defensively but it is in attack that Saints have failed.

They simply aren't scoring enough goals and subsequently are dropping points like the Australian cricket team dropped catches last summer.

IS THIS A REVAMP IN REFS POLICY?

TONY MORSELLO (right), an experienced Apia Leichhardt player, in a challenge with Ian Gray who left Apia to join Marconi this season.

Rosebud team.

However, Newcastle's ranks are spread thin if any of those players are absent through injury.

Like most clubs, Newcastle haven't got the ready cash to strengthen their squad with big-name signings.

VERDICT: Newcastle Rosebud should hold their mid-table position, but whether they can challenge for a finals berth remains to be seen.

IS HE BEING SENT ON REQUEST, OR IS IT JUST A REVAMP IN REFS POLICY?

IS he being sent on request, or is it just a revamp in policy?

BY TOM BROWNING

We are referring to the appointment of a Victorian referee for this weekend's West Adelaide — Brisbane Lions match at Hindmarsh Stadium.

And the appointment two weeks ago of South Australia's FIFA referee, Donald Campbell, to the Preston — Green Gully encounter.

West president Frank Karagianis said he had not made any request for a "neutral" referee.

"Certainly we have complained about some of the SA referees this season, but that was as far as we went," he said.

"We have made no official request, but I do know that the NSL has been receiving complaints from all states."

CLAMPDOWN

While interstate clubs have at times said SA referees were biased, and vice-versa, home clubs often claim their own referees are biased against them.

They often claim that the "home" whistlers are so anxious not to be accused of being biased that they clamp down too heavily on the home teams and players.

They have also been accused of prejudging certain players because they have a reputation, and the slightest hint of a foul produces a yellow card.

However, it has been noticeable that compared to the opening rounds of the season the yellow card rash has almost disappeared.

Indeed, some games have produced none, or only one and then the foul had to be particularly fierce.

Referees Mike Browning, Jim Rossis and Tony Martell were targets for fans at the start of the year, but in recent SA games they have been picking up top points in various voting lists.

Roy Cotton returned to the club after an impressive stint with Penrith last season but he has struggled, as has English import Trevor Morgan.

Robbie Slater has been producing the goods on the right flank, but he too has been unable to get among the goals.

Not all the blame should be laid on the strikers though, as the Saints midfielders rarely get on the scoresheet.

VERDICT: St George must start winning games or they could find themselves perilously close to the relegation zone.

Inter Monaro

EIGHT losses from 11 matches was Inter Monaro's disappointing and disastrous start to their first season in the big league.

The team that won the State League for them last year didn't look strong enough to compete in the NSL and in fact there are few survivors from that side.

The club went through a stormy period at the start of the season which saw the well-publicised "strike" by strikers Walter Valeri, Baz Giampaolo and Tony Brennan, culminating in Frank Maccarone taking over as coach from Romanian Josif Procop.

New signings included three 1984 State League players, stopper Angelo Titilas, defender or midfielder Ricky Budini and winger Chris Thamnidis, and Marconi NSL midfielder Tilly Carbone.

More recently, former Canberra players, goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski and defender or midfielder Angelo Ambrosino, have been added, and former Socceroo left-back Harry Williams made a comeback last week.

VERDICT: Monaro tend to rely too heavily on Giampaolo and Thamnidis to turn it on for them in attack and their midfield does not have the creative ability necessary for NSL football.

Wollongong City

AFTER a miserable 1984 season which saw them finish nine points behind Parramatta Melita but avoid relegation, Wollongong are battling for their existence this season.

The development status which saved their NSL life in 1984 is no more.

The Wolves' future lies with keen local youngsters like Alex Bundalo, Peter Kotamanidis, David Green, Pat Brodnik and Sean Buntington.

With limited funds, coach Adrian Alston added former Marconi youth winger Dominic Giannone and former Apia Leichhardt, Inter Monaro and Sydney Croatia midfielder or winger Bernie Godzik at the start of the season.

Last week, veteran St George striker Dez Marton signed for Wollongong, and another experienced player, Larry Gaffney, recently settled his differences with the club and resumed playing.

Gaffney, usually a midfielder, has been used at left-back by Alston in an attempt to stiffen a defence which has conceded more goals than any other club in the League.

The loss of Australian Under 23 central defender Ray Vlietstra with a broken leg in pre-season was a major setback.

VERDICT: Wollongong need to improve the defensive aspect of their game to get away from the bottom of the table. Vlietstra should strengthen the back-line on his return, and the Wolves will perform a lot better in attack with Marton there.

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JUNIOR SCENE

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JUNIORS PREFER NIGHT GAMES

THERE has been a push amongst some of the code's juniors in Sydney to have a new system for playing of international matches.

The Australia v Vasco da Gama and Udinese v Tottenham Hotspur programme has been set down for Saturday afternoon, June 1, at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This is when thousands of junior teams are set down to play.

One official said: "The notice to request us to put off games has come too late once again."

"For the July/August games that have been talked about the authorities should go for Saturday night matches."

"Everyone will be available to see them then."

In other days the co-operation of the juniors was often sought and obtained in advance.

These days it seems the National League clubs have to be kept on side and countless thousands of juniors are forgotten.

ACT KICKS AHEAD

THE ACT juniors are conducting "McDonalds giant kick-athon" as a fund-raiser on Sunday, June 16.

All the action takes place at eight centres around Canberra together with additional venues in Cooma, Goulburn and Captains Flat.

About 3,000 juniors, both boys and girls, from U8 to U16 will take part.

The Kick-athon comes in the International Year of Youth. It gives participants the chance to win prizes for themselves and raise money for their clubs.

The eight Canberra locations are Hackett, Giralang, Hawker, McGregor, Narrabundah, Chifley, Warramanga and Wanniassa.

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air tickets to Sydney and two tickets to the late July international games.

And the second prize winner takes a tracksuit, boots and a ball.

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QUEENSLAND STATE WIDE WINNERS

U15 Mazda Cup (at Cairns) winners — Brisbane South Runners-up — Queensland.

U14 Junior Ampol Cup (Mackay) winners — Wide Bay runners-up — North Queensland.

U13 State Championship (Zillmere) winners — South West Queensland runners-up — Brisbane South.

U12 Harry Lanning Competition (Palm Beach) winners — Brisbane South West runners-up — Brisbane North Red.

Gino Paris Competition (Gladstone) winners — Townsville runners-up — Mackay.

LUFTHANSA CUP

QUEENSLAND soccer coach George Pagan is keen to have a group of Australian youngster turn out in the Lufthansa Cup in West Germany in October.

Whilst soccer is far the biggest sport in the club, provision is also made for netball, cricket, little athletics, gymnastics and, of course, bowls.

Winston Hills don't stop with boy's soccer. They are also involved with Under 12, 14 and 16 girls teams in the Holroyd Women's Soccer Association.

Last season, Winston Hills shone as the NSW Under 10 Champion of Champions winner.

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tions. Ten teams in each competition means another 30 teams and these play of course on a non-competitive basis.

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A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

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The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

COUNTRY junior players now have the chance to represent in a wide range of soccer games.

FRANK FINLAY has tendered pictures of a number of representative boys together with pen-portraits on the backgrounds and interests of each of them.

U/13

GREG CHIPMAN

BIRTHDATE: 2.4.72
POSITION: Midfield
CLUB: Hanwood
ASSOCIATION: Griffith
SCHOOL: Wade High
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country
AMBITIONS: Play for Australia
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: Be a sports journalist
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 5
FIRST CLUB: Normanhurst



PATRICK CALABRIA

BIRTHDATE: 20.5.72
POSITION: Full-Back
CLUB: Hanwood
ASSOCIATION: Griffith
SCHOOL: Catholic High
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country
AMBITIONS: To become the most valuable player
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: To be a rich farmer
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 6
FIRST CLUB: Hanwood



TONY PANGALLO

BIRTHDATE: 7.9.72
POSITION: Midfield
CLUB: North Griffith
ASSOCIATION: Griffith
SCHOOL: Griffith High
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country
AMBITIONS: Play for Liverpool
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: To be rich
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 8
FIRST CLUB: North Griffith



GIAMOL PASIN

BIRTHDATE: 24.3.72
POSITION: Centre-forward
CLUB: North Griffith
ASSOCIATION: Griffith
SCHOOL: Catholic High
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country
AMBITIONS: To reach Australian side
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: To be rich
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 8
FIRST CLUB: North Griffith



MICHAEL MUSITANO

BIRTHDATE: 15.10.72
POSITION: Midfield
CLUBS: Yoolgali, Griffith City
ASSOCIATION: Griffith
SCHOOL: Wade High School
MAIN HONOURS AS PLAYER: NSW Country
AMBITIONS: To reach the Australian team
AMBITIONS IN LIFE: To be rich
AGE COMMENCED SOCCER: 7
FIRST CLUB: Yoolgali



WINSTON HILLS BOWLS ALONG

WHEN the Lavalla Bowling Club found that their 150 membership was insufficient to keep the ship afloat, they had to look for

They called upon the Winston Hills Sports Club to join them and the merger is helping to provide for the future of sport in the area.

Winston Hills is the biggest soccer club in the Granville district, and for that matter one of the biggest in Australia.

They have 50 teams in Granville Association from Under 18 to Premier League. That one Under 8 complies with association rules but their commitment does not end there.

In mini soccer the club runs Under 6, 7 and 8 year competi-

tions. Ten teams in each competition means another 30 teams and these play of course on a non-competitive basis.

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NSW COUNTRY SUCCESS IN BRISBANE

THE NSW Country Under 16 team had a 100 percent record in a trip that took them from Southern and Western NSW through to Brisbane.

The tour results were: 1-0 v Macquarie Association at Speers Point; 2-1 v Coffs Harbour select at Coffs Harbour; 2-0 v South Brisbane U15 at Annerley; 2-1 v Grange Thistle Colts at Perry Park, Brisbane.

The boys reserved their best match for Annerley and came up with a last-minute winner at Perry Park.

BUNDY STRONG IN WIDE BAY ZONE TEAMS

BY STEPHEN STILLMAN

BUNDABERG junior soccer players are well represented in the Wide Bay Zone representative teams which will contest the State titles in July.

Squads of 22 players were selected at the zone selection trials held at Gympie recently.

These were further reduced to 16 players following a weekend of training and trials in Bundaberg.

Teams in the U12-U15 ages will go into training camps for seven weekends in preparation for the titles.

As part of their training, zone teams play curtain-raiser matches against local representative teams in the next highest age-group. This has proved to be a satisfactory way of providing tough competition prior to attending State titles and of sorting out any weaknesses a team may have.

In the U15 team, two new Bundaberg faces have been included in the squad from last year.

Michael Cross and Andrew Grohn, both of whom played for Wide Bay as U13s, gained selection, along with Shaun Aslett and last year's state player Andrew Stillman.

This team is being coached by Bundaberg's Bingera club director of coaching Raoul Cunningham and managed by Wide Bay's Junior Council president Peter Cox from Kandanga, near Gympie.

Bundaberg's contingent in the U14 zone team includes six new faces as well as Rob-

Shining on the tour were sweeper Adam Carroll, midfielder Mark Cooke and full-back Craig Weldon.

The country lads are expected to play a Sydney Select and the ACT at Parklea over the Queens Birthday weekend, advises coach Vince Balzan.

Then there will be some extra hot opposition at Albury in July when they face the



VINCE BALZAN

MANLY 16s STRONG IN GROUP B

A COMPLETELY new forward-line from last season has helped lift Manly-Warringah to the top of the Group B table.

In addition coach Hugh Hendry has had reason to be pleased with his defence, which has only let the odd goal in.

Recently they collected five points from three games and are still undefeated.

Playing against Ku-ring-gai at Graham Reserve, they had a convincing win with Benny Wills (two) and Richard Drane amongst the goals.

The previous day Drane was on target in the 1-0 win over Gladesville.

Next came a 1-1 draw with Southern Districts.

All in all they are Manly's most successful Youth League team for the year.

CLUB LOGOS



ALBURY CITY's emblem with the forward stylised approach and centrally-placed soccer ball is an eye-catcher.

State Championships — 1913 vintage!

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has a record of State Championship winners that dates back to 1934.

Here is the very interesting record of Richardson Cup winners through from 1913 to 1940.

Are they any readers who participated back in those days?

RICHARDSON CUP

State Junior Championship (Under 21 Years)

1913 West Wallsend; runners-up, Auburn.
1914 West Wallsend; runners-up, Belmain.
1915 Pyrmont; runners-up, Balmain.
1920 W. W. Woodpeckers; runners-up, Terlaba.
1921 Woonona; runners-up, Granville Two Blues.
1922 Booleroo; runners-up, New Lambton.
1923 Cessnock; runners-up, New Lambton.
1924 West Wallsend; runners-up, Woonona Park.
1925 Cessnock Rovers; runners-up, Booleroo.
1926 Wallsend Rovers; runners-up, Canterbury Park.
1927 Cessnock West End; runners-up, Auburn.
1928 Cardiff; runners-up, Balgownie.
Competition suspended till 1937.
1937 Wallsend; runners-up, Canterbury.
1938 South Coast; runners-up, Booleroo.
1939 South Coast; runners-up, Newcastle.
1940 Newcastle; runners-up, South Coast.
1941 No competition.

FLASHBACK

Certainly there was the era of S.A. Jones and H.G. Read prior to the Burton period.

Interestingly enough we recently came upon a record of winners and runners-up of the Richardson Cup.

This Cup was the State Junior Championship trophy for Under 21 teams in NSW.

It began back in 1913 with a win by West Wallsend over Auburn, with the northerners winning the following year at the expense of Balmain.

In 1920 West Wallsend are shown as the "Woodpeckers".

Imagine the transport difficulties of the era, as Newcastle, Sydney and South Coast teams vied for the title.

CLUB LOGOS



YOUTH LEAGUE

ANOTHER GREGSON

GEOFF Gregson, younger brother of Australian international John, scored twice in Melita Eagles' 4-1 Under 14 win over Avala at Melita Stadium.

Although he normally plays in the defence, coach Ian Lloyd has lately assigned him a roving commission.

Melita led 1-0 at half-time, although up until then they might well have been hustled out of the game.

The first goal was a lucky one as it rebounded off Paul Rego's leg into the net.

Matthew Bingley came with the prettiest goal of the lot and overall the Melita defence did the rest.

Melita's Under 15s showed a deal of imagination in their 5-1 win and the 16s secured a 1-1 draw after stringing together some good wins.

Sutherland thoroughly tested Marconi over all grades at Marconi No 2 ground on Saturday and were unlucky to have to settle for a 1-1 draw in Under 16.

Marconi gained the only goal of the match, however, scoring right on full-time with a penalty that capped off determined break.

The Under 14 game produced an entirely different pattern. Sutherland laid the foundation for their 2-1 win in the first half and then had to defend desperately right through the second.

Finally Marconi were unlucky not to salvage a draw.

Apia and St George played their important Group A games at Lambert Park and settled for equal terms across the grades.

Apia won 3-1 in U13, lost 1-3 in U14 and the U15 and U16 results were both 1-1 draws.

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GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Apia v St George	3-1	1-3	1-1	1-1
Illawarra v Canterbury-M'ville	3-1	3-1	6-1	0-1
Blacktown City v Sydney Oly	1-1	0-2	1-1	1-0
Granville v Nepean	0-0	0-1	0-5	0-4
Marconi v Sutherland	4-1	1-2	1-0	1-1

GROUP B

Ku-ring-gai v Gladesville	1-2	0-3	0-0	0-0
Melita v Avala	2-1	4-1	5-1	1-1
Central Coast v Baulkham Hills, Manly v Croatia, Nth Bankstown v Southern Dists deferred				

GROUP C

Blacktown v Macarthur	3-1	2-1	0-1	1-2
Campbelltown v Canterbury	3-1	0-2	1-1	0-3
Sydney Yugal v Bankstown	0-3	1-2	0-2	2-2
Bathurst '75 v Sydney City	0-3	0-1	0-7	1-2
Rockdale bye				

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 3

	U11	U12
Bankstown v Illawarra	6-0	0-4
Blacktown v Canterbury	0-4	4-5
Granville v Southern Dists		0-0
Ku-ring-gai v Macarthur		1-0
St George v Gladesville	2-0	2-2
Sutherland v Central Coast	4-2	2-1

ROUND 5

Nepean v Macarthur	1-0
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UNDER 13

GROUP A: Marconi 13, Blacktown City 11, Olympic 10, Illawarra 9, Nepean 8, St George 7, Apia 6, Canterbury-M'ville 6, Sutherland 3, Granville 3.

GROUP B: Southern Dists 12, Nth Bankstown 11, Gladesville 10, Melita 10, Ku-ring-gai 8, Baulkham Hills 6, Central Coast 8, Avala 6, Manly 3, Croatia 2.

GROUP C: Sydney City 16, Blacktown 14, Macarthur 12, Bankstown 10, Campbelltown 10, Rockdale 9, Canterbury 9, Yugal 2, Bathurst 2.

UNDER 14

GROUP A: Olympic 16, St George 15, Apia 9, Marconi 9, Nepean 5, Sutherland 5, Illawarra 5, Canterbury-M'ville 5, Blacktown City 5, Granville 3.

GROUP B: Melita 16, Gladesville 10, Nth Bankstown 10, Central Coast 8, Ku-ring-gai 7, Avala 7, Baulkham Hills 6, Manly 5, Southern Dists 3, Croatia 2.

GROUP C: Rockdale 16, Macarthur 13, Bankstown 12, Canterbury 9, Sydney City 9, Yugal 8, Blacktown 6, Campbelltown 5, Bathurst 4.

UNDER 15

GROUP A: Olympic 12, Illawarra 11, St George 11, Nepean 9, Marconi 9, Apia 8, Blacktown City 7, Sutherland 6, Canterbury-M'ville 3, Granville 2.

GROUP B: Melita 13, Gladesville 11, Nth Bankstown 10, Southern Dists 7, Manly 7, Avala 7, Central Coast 6, Croatia 6, Baulkham Hills 4, Ku-ring-gai 3.

GROUP C: Sydney City 15, Macarthur 14, Blacktown 14, Campbelltown 11, Bankstown 10, Canterbury 10, Rockdale 5, Yugal 3, Bathurst 2.

UNDER 16

GROUP A: Marconi 13, Nepean 12, St George 11, Apia 9, Canterbury-M'ville 9, Olympic 7, Blacktown City 7, Illawarra 4, Sutherland 2, Granville 2.

GROUP B: Manly 13, Avala 12, Gladesville 10, Melita 9, Ku-ring-gai 9, Croatia 8, Southern Dists 7, Central Coast 4, Nth Bankstown 2, Baulkham Hills 0.

GROUP C: Sydney City 16, Canterbury 14, Bathurst 12, Rockdale 9, Bankstown 8, Blacktown 8, Yugal 7, Campbelltown 6, Macarthur 4.

KIWI UNIS PLAY IN CANBERRA

THE solid New Zealand Combined Universities team came back in the second half to grab a 1-1 draw in their clash with ACT at Bruce Stadium.

ACT scored midway through the first half through Julie Murray, who tapped the ball home after Debbie Corcoran had sent her on her way.

The ACT proved that it should develop into a good counter-attacking side by the time the National Championships come

up in Melbourne in late August.

The goal came from the strong foraging visitor Alison Grant, who was the Kiwi's outstanding player.

She placed her free-kick neatly over the head of ACT substitute goalkeeper Bronwyn Calver.

FOREST ON TOP
FOREST RANGERS' international midfielders, Cindy Heydon and Kimmy Lembryk, piled on the pressure when their team wiped out Epping-Eastwood 4-0 at Morrison Bay.

The Forest streaked ahead to a 3-0 lead by half-time in a highly entertaining first session, with Toni McMahon controlling the defence and Australian captain Julie Dolan attacking and defending well from the right side.

Carol Vinson and Leigh Wardell battled hard to retrieve matters late in the game but all was to no avail.

Forest Rangers are coached by NSW State coach, Alan Lytton.

FEEDER SYSTEM

THERE was a time when the only NSW soccer footballers who came through the ranks to the national team were boys.

But with the rise of secondary schools soccer and the success of the girls' Ku-ring-gai Cup and its 207 high school entry, things have changed.

The NSW CHS now points to three of its women products who have forced their way through to Australian representation.

They are the highly-skilled midfielder from Forest Rangers, Kim Lembryk, Julie Porter and Helen Watts.



JULIE DOLAN



MARGARET PETROV, Killarney's international mid-fielder in last year's World Women's Invitational Tournament in Taiwan, shows poise and great style on the ball in this picture.

This shot was taken in the state trials held at the Bill Mitchell Ground at Gladesville.

Margaret made her debut for Australia at the WWIFT, where she displayed heaps of pace and courage against opponents much bigger than herself.

Playing with Margaret for Killarney are three other Australian internationals — Kristen Thelle, Vicki Salmon and Mandi Langhaar.

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GREEK STRIKER FOR OLYMPIC

QUEENSLAND Premier League club Olympic United has gained a jump on its player-short Sydney counterpart by planning to import a striker from Greece.

The Brisbane club has put an application to bring the forward from Second Division outfit Rhodes.

Like Sydney Olympic, Olympic United have found results hard to come by this season. The Brisbane club is struggling near the bottom of the table and presently facing relegation.

In other Premier League news, Coalstars has been fined \$300 by the QSF management committee over the "Andy Ogden Affair".

Ogden went from Olympic United to Coalstars at the start of the season and was all set to sign for the Ipswich club when he sustained a serious back injury.

Coalstars refused to go through with the deal, while Olympic asked for compensation.

The matter came down to whether Olympic had cleared Ogden to trial or train and play.

The Federation saw the matter Olympic's way and said the clearance did not mention playing.

The Premier League fixtures are suspended this weekend for the opening round proper of the \$15,000 Ampol Cup.

And already some big-name clubs have failed to make the final 16 while several others just got through.

Premier League side Grange Thistle were bundled out in no uncertain fashion when Brisbane City's Intermediate League side crushed the Tangerines 4-0.

Acacia Ridge also bowed out when fellow Premier Leaguers Ipswich United beat them 2-1.

The Ampol Cup failure continued the Ridge's run of outs this season. But club officials have stood firmly behind coach Brian Addison and dismissed rumours of his pending sacking.

"We appointed Brian as coach and he will be there until the end of the season. That's the way we operate," club president John Burgess said.

"We are not playing badly, we just can't seem to put the ball in the back of the net. That's not Brian's fault."

The other teams which found it difficult to score and were lucky to advance to the final 16 of the Ampol Cup were Lions and Coalstars.

Up North

GREG RUSSELL REPORTS FROM BRISBANE

Lions had to rely on a last-minute penalty to force extra-time before finally winning the tie 3-2, while Coalstars were taken to penalties by amateurs Goodna and finally won 6-5.

The 13 city qualifiers will be joined this weekend by the three country qualifying round winners, Townsville, Bundaberg and Toowoomba.

REFEREES WALK OUT

RELATIONS between Queensland referees and the state's players reached a flashpoint situation last week when two match officials walked out midway through games.

And one walkout occurred only 27 minutes into a top-of-the-table Intermediate League clash, the state's second highest division.

Highly-respected referee Bob Crapnell refused to continue with the match between Wynnum and Redlands, claiming he was disgusted by the attitude, disrespect and remarks from players and spectators from both clubs.

Crapnell stopped the game, walked to the sideline and gave the whistle to his senior linesman and left the stadium.

The other walkout was in a Fourth Division game where the referee abandoned the match.

The Queensland division of the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation has supported the referees involved in the walkouts and has threatened an all-out send-off blitz.

The QASRF said the deteriorating attitude of players in all divisions had got beyond toleration and referees called on the Queensland Soccer Federation to get soccer back into order.

"If the QSF won't clean up its own backyard, we will. Referees will be told to act to the letter of the laws and if that means sending off players left, right and centre or abandoning matches, then we will do it," a spokesman for the QASRF said.

"There would be that many players on the sidelines within two weeks local soccer would be in a mess."

The Queensland referees have asked for a meeting with Queensland Federation boss Ian Brusasco

to initiate urgent action, but that will have to wait until the end of this week as Brusasco is in Fiji with the Queensland team.

But the referees fear that unless something is done about the "constant slagging and criticism" of match officials, it will cost the QASRF members.

"The worrying aspect is that some clubs seem to condone this repeated unsportsmanlike behaviour by their players," a referees' spokesman said.

The QASRF cited the recent example of the Premier League game between Grange Thistle and Olympic United at Perry Park, three weeks ago when 11 players were cautioned.

"Several QSF officials saw what happened yet they failed to react. What has got to happen before they take action to clean things up?" the referees' spokesman said.

Officials from the two clubs involved in the Intermediate League walkout though found it hard to support the referee.

Wynnum in fact were to submit a report criticising the match officials.

"It was a local derby and everyone knew it was going to be a hard physical game. If the referee couldn't handle that then he should not have been appointed in the first place," club secretary Mrs Terry Furphy said.

And Redlands president Mr Dick Karrenman blamed inconsistent refereeing for the incident.

McGHEE A MAN OF MANY MOVES



MARK McGHEE celebrates a goal for Hamburg.

SV HAMBURG want Scotsman Mark McGhee to stay with them — even though McGhee has had a miserable debut season in Germany.

When Hamburg bought the player from Aberdeen for \$500,000, they were hoping he would produce the sort of magic Kevin Keegan served up with Hamburg.

Instead, McGhee scored only four goals in his first 17 games before groin and toe injuries put him out of action.

McGhee angrily denies he has been a flop.

"It's been more of a mental adjustment than a physical thing," he explains.

"It takes time to get used to morning training, then German language lessons, then afternoon training."

"The big difference in playing for Hamburg is that, when the

team goes on defence, I'm expected to drop back if we lose the ball.

"At Aberdeen, the forwards were expected to run opposition defences into the ground and that suited me better," he added.

McGhee has had a strange career, starting with Bristol City straight from school. He failed there and

went back to Scotland to play as a part-timer with Morton.

Next move was back to England with Newcastle United for \$300,000. Again, McGhee failed to make the grade and switched to Aberdeen for \$130,000.

So the man Hamburg bought to get goals has certainly been around!



Italians want Chelsea ace

AFTER only one season in the English First Division, Chelsea's prolific goalscorer Kerry Dixon is wanted by Italian clubs.

Triestina is the club keen to sign Dixon who, with 36 goals, is the top scorer in this season's first division.

An Italian official said: "Dixon has the right qualities. He is England's top striker. He is young and it's fashionable now to buy English."

Chelsea, though, are more in a buying than a selling mood. They made a bid of \$1,200,000 for Newcastle United's Chris Waddle but it was turned down.

FRANCHI FRENCH FINAL

TERRY'S TIPPED TO STAY

PARIS has been selected as the venue for the first meeting of the champion nations of Europe and South America for the Franchi Cup.

The competition, named after the former chairman of UEFA Artemio Franchi, will be staged every four years.

France will play Uruguay for the Cup on August 21 in the French capital.

Franchi was killed in a car crash two years ago.

BARCELONA have offered Terry Venables a new four-year contract to coach their championship-winning side.

Venables, however, still has ambitions to buy a club of his own, the club being Queens Park Rangers.

The tip is that he will stay in Spain, but probably for only one more year.



HANS-PETER BRIEGEL: starred in Italy.

STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN

WHO would have imagined that the two most successful imports in Italian football this season would be Hans-Peter Briegel and Preben Elkjaer Larsen with unfashionable Verona?

The German and the Dane inspired Verona to their first championship win in their 82-year history.

With only a few games to go and Verona leading the table, club directors offered a useful incentive to players ... \$15,000 per man if they won the title.

CROWDS have been disappointing in West Berlin and the suggested remedy is a merger of the city's two clubs, Hertha Berlin and Blau Weiss.

The new club will be called FC Berlin.

CANTINFLAS, the famous Mexican comedian, has refused to be used as the mascot for the World Cup in Mexico.

He said he is already world-famous and did not require any additional publicity.

RON ATKINSON, Howard Kendall and Malcolm Allison are three British club bosses whose names have been linked with the vacant Real Madrid coaching position.

You can add a fourth to the list. Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy could leapfrog over the other three wanted men.

McMenemy, by the way, was wanted a year ago by Barcelona but Southampton refused to release him — and Terry Venables was appointed.

CRUYFF SAYS 'NO'

JOHAN CRUYFF has turned down a top job as technical director to Feyenoord, his last club.

Cruijff said he "could not bury himself behind a desk."

He would rather coach the Feyenoord side but, without official coaching qualifications, he is not permitted to do so.

Now the great Johan is in training with the first team squad — but strictly as an amateur.

Another war for Lebanon

WAR-TORN Lebanon stages plenty of battles on the football pitch as well as in the streets of Beirut.

When Lebanon played Bahrain, the Lebanese players refused to kick-off in the second half because they didn't agree with a first half refereeing decision.

After 20 minutes of argument, they agreed to play but one of their players, Hassan Aboud, walked off in protest.

With 15 minutes left, Bahrain, leading 4-0, were given a penalty

kick, a decision which inspired a walk-off from another three Lebanese players.

Then Lebanon gave away an "own goal" and their goalkeeper said he was unable to carry on.

The match was abandoned.

An interesting observer was the Bahrain coach, former Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw.

He commented: "It was an astonishing

scene — I've never seen anything like it in all my years in football."

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JUPP HEYNCKES didn't take long to accept a new coaching contract from Borussia Moenchengladbach — he read it and signed it in 15 minutes.

The ex-West German forward will be paid \$10,000 a month for the next two years.

A GLOOMY OUTLOOK



PAUL VAN HIMST

ANDERLECHT coach Paul Van Himst claims football in Belgium could die if teams do not shed their negative approach.

"This has been the worst season I can remember," he says. "Teams are not interesting in entertaining or getting goals. They defend and bore the fans."

"No wonder players and public are losing heart and interest."



UK Scene



TIM FLOWERS

FLOWERS ARSENAL TARGET

WOLVES goalkeeper Tim Flowers is the club's greatest asset but it is only a matter of time before hard-up Wolves have to sell.

Arsenal are tipped to get the talented youngster as a replacement for Pat Jennings.

That won't be good news for John Lukic, the goalie who took over Jennings' first team spot at Highbury.

CHARLTON HEADACHE

JACKIE CHARLTON can expect a worrying summer as he wrestles with player-contracts at Newcastle United.

Charlton knows that

11 of his first team squad will become free agents as their contracts expire — so star forward Chris Waddle is not the only big name due to leave the club.

Kevin Carr, Steve Carney, Jeff Clarke, John Anderson and Malcolm Brown are all considering if a move from St James Park would be beneficial.

SMITH: 'WE'RE GOOD ENOUGH'

DOUBTERS who claim Oxford will be struggling when they meet the big boys next season in the English First Division could be in for a surprise.

Oxford boss Jim Smith has given his promotion-winning squad a vote of confidence with the statement: "We've got enough good players to handle the First Division."

Smith did admit, however, that there will be additions to the squad.

Promotion seems to have healed the rift between the club and their local council and it now appears likely that, with council assistance, \$2,000,000 will be spent to upgrade the inadequate Manor Road ground.

COWANS STAYS WITH VILLA

GORDON COWANS, Aston Villa's brilliant midfielder, will not be allowed to leave the club, even though he has been unable to win a regular first team spot all season.

Manager Graham Turner says: "Just because he is not in the first team right now doesn't mean he is not an important part of our set-up."

"When Gordon is at his best, he

is one of the finest players in England.

"He still hasn't regained his touch after a terrible injury in Spain two years ago, so we must be patient."



GORDON COWANS

\$1,300,000 REJECT!



CHRIS WADDLE

COMEBACK FOR PHIL

REMEMBER Phil Parkes? He's the West Ham United goalkeeper who has become football's forgotten man.

It is a year since Parkes played in the first team, but he was brought back recently against Chelsea.

"It's a big chance after a frustrating season," said Parkes. "I've had three injuries — cartilage, shoulder and calf — with a dose of flu thrown in."

"All that is behind me and I must prove that I am still good

enough. If I'm happy with my form, I'll do a Pat Jennings and carry on for another few years."

Here's an interesting point. Despite being a forgotten man, Parkes is still the most expensive goalkeeper in the world.

He cost West Ham nearly \$1,000,000 when he joined them.

SCOUTING PAYS OFF

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR could have discovered another winner from a scouting raid on non-League football.

His name is David Leworthy and he was promoted to Spurs' first team recently as a striker.

Spurs boss Peter Shreeves admitted: "David is not particularly fast or big but he is a lethal finisher."

Leworthy's 24 goals in 29 reserve games for Tottenham seems to bear that out.

Four years ago, Leworthy was sacked by Portsmouth and drifted into the comparative wilderness of the Southern League with a team called Fareham Town.

Now, at 22, he is back in the big-time.

Tottenham believe there is talent to be found in non-League. They signed Graham Roberts and Tony Galvin, who went on to become internationals, from minor football.



PHIL PARKES punches clear for West Ham challenged by Spurs' Mike Hazard.

CELTIC GET STEVE

STEPHEN NICHOLAS has signed for Celtic — and he's only 14.

The famous Glasgow club outbid other interested clubs, including Arsenal and Dundee United.

Stephen is the younger brother of "Champagne Charlie" Nicholas, who played for Celtic before his headline transfer to Arsenal.

Early this year, the youngster trained at Highbury with his brother but he has decided to try his luck at Celtic before becoming involved in the English soccer scene.

SUNDERLAND AUSTERITY

RELEGATED Sunderland have coped plenty of criticism in English papers over their skinflint approach to spending cash.

It is alleged that players were refused hot baths because baths used more hot water than showers.

Other charges made include the club's refusal to buy players a meal after a six-hour drive in their coach and the suggestion that manager Len Ashurst should foot the hotel bill if he wanted his players to stay out of town overnight.